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FOR KLIMKIEWICZ FROM LYNE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EFIN, AG, US
SUBJECT: IRS INVESTIGATION

REF: PARIS 16588 (NOTAL)

1. SONATRACH IS AN ALGERIAN NATIONAL COMPANY, WHOLLY OWNED BY THE ALGERIAN STATE. PROFITS ARE REINVESTED OR TURNED OVER TO THE STATE. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (PRESIDENT, DIRECTEUR GENERAL) HAS FOR SOME YEARS BEEN SID AHMED GHOZALI. GHOZALI FORMERLY REPORTED TO THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND ENERGY BUT HAS RECENTLY HIMSELF BECOME THE MINISTER OF ENERGY, WHILE REMAINING AS HEAD OF SONATRACH, AND NOW PRESUMABLY REPORTS DIRECTLY TO BOUMEDIENE.

2. SONATRACH, LIKE ALL ALGERIAN ENTITIES, IS EXTREMELY SECRETIVE, EVEN ABOUT SUCH MATTERS AS THE COMPANY'S TABLE OF ORGANIZATION. KNOWING THAT WE WOULD NOT RECEIVE SATISFACTORY ANSWERS, WE HAVE NOT ASKED SONATRACH FOR THE NAMES OF THE PERSONS WHO FROM 1971-75 HELD THE SPECIFIC JOBS LISTED REFTEL. WE HAVE, HOWEVER, CERTAIN INFORMATION ON FILE AND HAVE OBTAINED OTHER INFORMATION FROM SOURCES OUTSIDE SONATRACH. WE HOPE THE FOLLOWING, WHICH REFERS TO PRESENT CONFIDENTIAL

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SITUATION, WILL BE HELPFUL:

PRESIDENT, DIRECTEUR GENERAL - SID AHMED GHOZALI

VICE PRESIDENT (COMMERCIALISATION) - NORDINE AIT LAOUSSINE

VICE PRESIDENT (ENGINEERING ET DEVELOPPEMENT) -
OTHMANE KHOUANI

VICE PRESIDENT (PETROCHIMIE, GNL ET RAFFINAGE) - MOHAMED
MAZOUNI

VICE PRESIDENT (HYDROCARBORES) - SI HASSEN MEFTI

VICE PRESIDENT (ORGANISATION ET PLANIFICATION) - HACENE
KAHLOUCHE

DIRECTEUR (FINANCES) - SID AHMED BOUDJAKDJI

DIRECTEUR (PERSONNEL) - MOHAMED MOKRANE

DIRECTEUR (MOYEN GENERAUX) - MEDJOUB DENZERFA

DIRECTEUR (RELATIONS EXTERIEURES) - MAHMOUD GHAZI LOMRI

DIRECTEUR (COMMERCIALISATION) - SLIMANE BOUGUERRA

CHEF DU DEPARTEMENT GAZ - TAYEB MAZOUNI

DIRECTEUR (PRODUCTION) - ZOUICHE

OFFICE JURIDIQUE - RELALL

DIRECTEUR ENGINEERING CENTRAL - A. BELLOZONG

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3. BOUGUERRA HAS BEEN OUT OF THE COUNTRY FOR MANY MONTHS AND
IS NOT EXPECTED TO RETURN. HIS JOB IS BEING FILLED BY A
CERTAIN BAYOU, WHO HOWEVER ONLY HAS TITLE ACTING
DIRECTOR.

4. EMPLOYEES OF SONATRACH ARE EMPLOYEES OF A NATIONAL
COMPANY, AND INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE GOVERNMENT. MOST
FOREIGNERS WORKING FOR SONATRACH ARE ON CONTRACT AND WE
DOUBT THAT MANY ARE EMPLOYEES IN A TECHNICAL LEGAL SENSE.
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